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JOINT BOUNDARY CONFERENCE OF BSF AND BDR
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any joint boundary conference was held between the officials of the Border Security Force (BSF) and Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) recently;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed in the meeting;

(c) the details of decisions taken by both the countries thereafter; and

(d) the time by when such decisions are likely to be implemented by both the countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) to (d) : Yes, Sir, DsG, BSF and BDR Border Co- ordination conference was held at Dhaka from 24th -29th October 2007. A number of issues were discussed in the meeting, which include the following:

1) Trans-Border Crimes Committed by Bangladesh Nationals in Indian Territory,
2) Illegal Migration of Bangledeshi Nationals into India,
3) Construction of Border Fence within 150 yards of International Border (IB) wherever unavoidable, keeping in view local constraints,
4) Developmental works within 150 yards of Zero Line,
5) Prevention of smuggling of cattle, narcotics etc. and poaching of natural Resources by Bangladeshi Nationals,
6) Smuggling of Fake Indian Currency Notes,
7) Intursion by BDR personnel and committing crime on Indian soil,
8) Refusal of BDR for joint verification of Boundary Pillars,
9) Activities of Bangladesh fundamentalists and terrorists elements in India and
10) Security related issues.

Both the Border Guarding Forces agreed to co-operate with each other on various issues and take appropriate measures to check illegal cross border activities. It was decided that various decisions taken in the meeting would be implemented expeditiously.